

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, after line 29 as shown below:*

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Figure 1 is an exploded front perspective view of a cleanable heated valve according to an embodiment of the present invention; [[and]]

Figure 1A is another front perspective view of the valve of Figure 1;

Figure 1B is an enlarged side perspective partial view of the valve of Figure 1;

Figure 2 is a front cross sectional view of the valve of Figure 1; and[[.]]

Figure 2A is a front perspective view of the valve of Figure 2.

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 9 as shown below:*

Referring to ~~Figure 1, Figures 1-1B,~~ the upstream connector (1), shown attached to the cleanable heated valve body (5), is represented as a perpendicular flow line close coupled to the upstream contoured void (3).

*Please amend the paragraphs beginning on page 6, line 7 as shown below:*

With reference to ~~Figure 2, Figures 2-2A,~~ to raise the temperature of the cleanable valve to achieve the desired conditions there is a cylindrical heating element (7) securely fixed into the heated valve body powered by electrical wires. The heating element is positioned so as to not penetrate the smooth cleanable inner surface of the valve nor come into contact with the medium inside or passing through the valve. Where the cleanable heated valve is to be utilised as an outlet to provide a medium free of microbiological contamination, the down stream connector plain outlet type nozzle (2) can be optionally contoured on the upper portion of said nozzle, as shown (11) to help assist in unlocking any held-up medium in the nozzle when the valve is closed in order to promote rapid free draining of the nozzle.